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Letter from the Publisher

Michigan's legal profession is defined by more than courtroom victories, impressive client lists or decades of experience. It is a profession built on leadership, adaptability and service. The attorneys featured in this inaugural Michigan Legal 250 embody those qualities in ways that strengthen their clients, firms and communities. This special section recognizes 250 attorneys across 40 practice areas who have distinguished themselves through their work, influence and commitment to excellence. Selecting this year's honorees was no small task. Michigan is home to an extraordinary legal community, and narrowing the field required careful consideration of attorneys whose impact extends beyond individual cases and transactions. The legal profession is evolving at a remarkable pace. Attorneys today are navigating technological change, shifting economic conditions, emerging industries, evolving client expectations and an increasingly complex regulatory environment. At the same time, they remain trusted counselors, advocates and problem-solvers for businesses, families, nonprofits and government entities throughout the state. The lawyers recognized in these pages have demonstrated an ability to lead through such an environment. Some of these attorneys are shaping policy and helping define the legal framework for growing industries. Others are guiding businesses through significant transactions, protecting intellectual property, resolving disputes, advocating for injured clients or ensuring access to justice for individuals who might otherwise go unheard. Many are mentors, community leaders and volunteers whose influence reaches beyond the walls of their offices. The Michigan Legal 250 is not a ranking, but a celebration of achievement, leadership and professional excellence. It reflects the diversity of practice areas, experiences and perspectives that strengthen our legal community. I would like to thank the attorneys, firms, judges, bar leaders and others who contributed nominations, insights and feedback throughout this process. Their participation helped us identify individuals whose work is making a meaningful difference across the state. On behalf of everyone at Michigan Lawyers Weekly, congratulations to the attorneys featured in this inaugural special section. We are proud to recognize your accomplishments and grateful for the contributions you make every day to the profession, your clients, and the people of Michigan. ■

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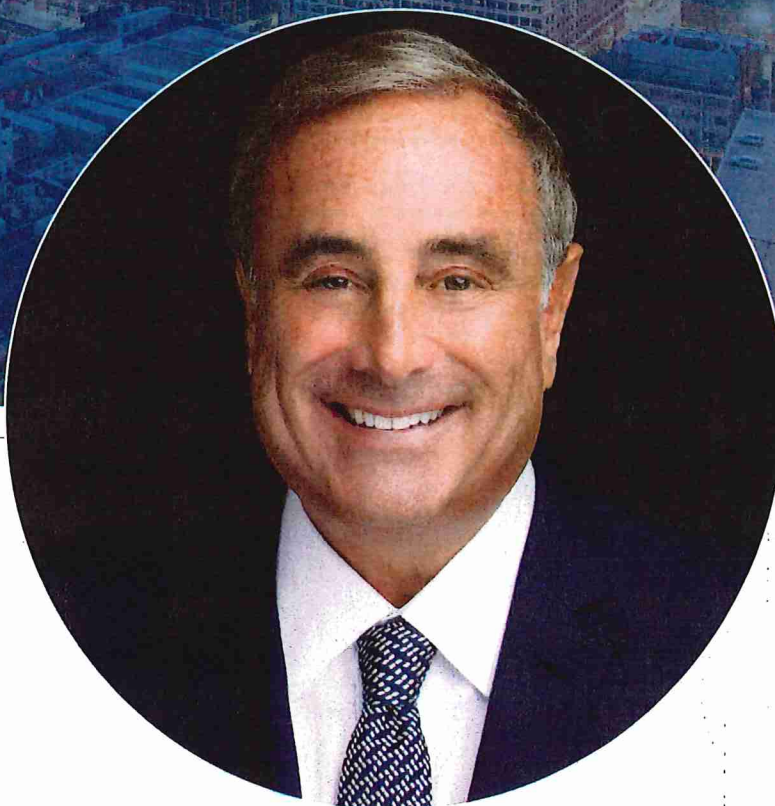
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40 YEARS
— OF WINNING —
SCOTT GOODWIN LAW



For more than 40 years, Scott Goodwin has dedicated his legal career to protecting the civil justice system and the constitutional right to a trial by jury. He has led the firm with a steadfast commitment to treating every client like a member of his own family. Throughout his career, Mr. Goodwin has achieved exceptional results for his clients year after year, including securing an almost \$1 billion verdict on July 27, 2026.

Congratulations to Scott Goodwin for being honored in Michigan Lawyers Weekly's Legal 250 in the Personal Injury Category!

PERSONAL INJURY



SCOTT GOODWIN

FOUNDER/OWNER
SCOTT GOODWIN LAW
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Best known for: Representing auto crash victims with integrity and civility. Every client speaks directly with me. Honored with MAJ's Champion of Justice Award (2021), Lawyers Weekly's Lawyer of the Year, Leader in the Law, and Hall of Famer.

Why I chose my practice area: I'm passionate about leveling the playing field against big corporations and insurers, holding drunk drivers accountable, and always fighting for the little guy.

Most memorable case: A 1992 rollover left 16-year-old Caren VanKleek quadriplegic — she recently celebrated her 50th birthday and finished college. A Detroit bus driver caused 30-plus crashes

injured avid cyclist Steven Grenier; my case exposed that over 30 city drivers lacked proper licenses. Preserved dash cam footage secured \$3 million for a client struck by a red-light-running semi.

What makes me a leader in my field: For nearly 40 years I've hosted a FREE LAW Day, assembling attorneys to provide free legal advice and fitting over 20,000 children with bike helmets.

Bar involvement/leadership roles: Past president and speaker, Michigan Association for Justice; 40-year Oakland County Bar honoree; chair, Judicial Qualifications Committee; mentor to countless new lawyers.